McGowan Funeral Home Records

How to Access and Search the Database
Accessing the Database

https://dallasgenealogy.com/
The McGowan funeral home operated in South Dallas from 1955 until the 1990s.

Alto McGowan was born in 1904 in San Augustine, Texas, and moved to Dallas as a young man. He ran several businesses, including a café, record shop, bail bonds business, and others. He started the McGowan Funeral Home around 1955 and became a member of several funeral director associations and fraternal organizations.

The Dallas Public Library holds the collection of records from the McGowan home: it is currently housed on the 3rd floor in the administrative area and is not accessible to the general public without prior arrangement. It contains client/deceased files which may include obituaries, photographs, funeral pamphlets, death certificates, and related materials. A small portion of the collection pertains to the administrative/offices functions of running the funeral home, which held city, county, and VA contracts for local ambulances serving several nearby counties. This collection is a great resource for African-American burial practices in the late twentieth century.
McGowan Funeral Home Search Tool

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Search by Name

Sort Output
Name Searching Tips

- Single name searches returns the name found in any name field
  - Edward brings up first, middle, last or maiden names of Edward or Edwards

- Two names joined by a plus sign with no spaces (i.e., John+Smith)
  - The first name listed only returns names found in the first name field
  - The second name listed returns names found in the middle, last or maiden name fields

- Notes:
  - The Suffix field is never included in the name search.
  - Names listed in the Comments field are not searched.
  - Apostrophes are not allowed in the database. For example, O’Neal is listed as ONeal in the database.
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Scroll to the right to find the Box and Folder Number.
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Name: [input]  Cemetery: [dropdown]

Search or filter by Cemetery

Cemetery dropdown menu:
- All
- Alexander
- Allen
- Alta Mesa Memorial Park
- Anaefor Isingwu
- American Memorial Park
- Anderson
- Anderson Cemetery for Colored
- Ann Reed
- Antioch
- Antioch St. Johns
- Asbury
- Asia Cemetery for Colored
- Athens
- Avant Cemetery for Colored
- Avant Prairie AME Church
- Avenger Cemetery for Colored
- Ayers Chapel
- Ball Spring
- Baptist
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